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## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

## BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY.—CIRCULAR 177.

A. D. MELVIN, CHIEF OF BUREAU.

As numerous inquiries are being received regarding details of the procedure and requirements under the law and regulations providing for the importation of animals free of duty for breeding purposes, it has been thought well to issue the following information, prepared by Mr. G. Arthur Bell, senior animal husbandman in the Animal Husbandry Division of this bureau, who has immediate supervision of the bureau's work relating to this subject.

A. D. MELVIN,  
*Chief of Bureau.*

**INFORMATION FOR IMPORTERS OF ANIMALS FOR  
BREEDING PURPOSES.**

Since January 1, 1911, in order to obtain the free entry of animals imported for breeding purposes under paragraph 492 of the tariff act of August 5, 1909, the customs officials of the Treasury Department have required evidence as follows:

The affidavit of the importer that he is a citizen of the United States and that the animals are imported specially for breeding purposes. This affidavit will be considered in connection with the circumstances of the importation, and any further evidence required which the collector may deem necessary to establish the allegations.

A certificate from the Department of Agriculture, stating that the animals are purebred, of a recognized breed, and duly registered in the foreign book of record established for that breed. With this certificate there must also be produced and submitted to the collector the certificate of record and pedigree on which the certificate of the Department of Agriculture is based, together with the affidavit of the owner, agent, or importer that such animals are identical with those described in the said certificates.

In case any of the foregoing evidence can not be furnished at the time of the arrival of the animals a voluntary bond may be given by the importer in double the amount of the estimated duties, conditioned for the production of the required evidence within six months, which bond may be extended in exceptional cases for a like period on application to the Secretary of the Treasury, and shall be canceled only upon the production of the evidence for which it is given or upon payment of full liquidated duties. Should the importer so elect, estimated duties may be paid and a written stipulation filed with the collector within 10 days thereafter to produce the evidence within six months from the date of entry, whereupon the final liquidation will be suspended until the production of the evidence or the expiration of the six months. (T. D. 31147.)

In order to obtain the certificates of the Department of Agriculture, the importer should submit to the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., the certificates of registration and pedigree (in the case of dogs registered in the English Kennel Club Studbook the pedigree certificates should be submitted) issued by one of the pedigree record societies listed in B. A. I. Order 175, "Regulations governing the certification of recognized breeds and purebred animals." (See amendment 1 to this order, regarding animals registered in the Canadian National Records.) These certificates should be accompanied by an application for the certificates of the bureau and by vendor's certificates rendered on forms furnished or approved by the department. In case the vendor's certificate forms part of the certificate of registration, no other vendor's certificate is necessary, provided it contains the information required by this department.

The application for certificates should show the number, breed, and sex of the animals imported, the name and address of the importer, the port of entry, the name of vessel, and the date of arrival. But one application for certificates is necessary for each breed in a single importation. For convenience in filing, the department has a separate form for each class of animals, as follows: Form A. H. 105 for horses, Form A. H. 105a for cattle, Form A. H. 105b for sheep, Form A. H. 105c for hogs, Form A. H. 105d for dogs, and Form A. H. 105e for cats.

The vendor's certificate should give the address of the vendor, the date the animal is sold, the name and address (in the United States) of the purchaser, the name and registry number of the animal, and must be signed by the person selling the animal to the importer, or by the seller's agent; and if signed by the agent of the seller, the name of the seller for whom the agent is acting should also be given. The blank vendor's certificates furnished by the department are issued in two sizes. Form A. H. 106 contains space for 4 animals and should be used when not more than 4 animals are purchased from the same person; Form A. H. 106a has space for 16 animals.

The blank forms for application for certificates, vendor's certificates, and copies of B. A. I. Order 175 and amendments thereto may be obtained free on application to the Bureau of Animal Industry. When applying for these the importer should state about the number of forms which will be required for his importation.

It is desirable to have the application for certificates, the vendor's certificates, and the foreign certificates of registration reach the bureau a day or two in advance of the arrival of the animals at the port of entry, in order that there may be as little delay as possible in issuing the certificates of this bureau. In no case, however, are these certificates issued until the descriptions taken by one of the

bureau's inspectors at the port of entry are received at the office in Washington. The importer or his agent should be prepared to furnish the bureau's inspector at the port of entry with the names and registry numbers.

On the arrival at the port of entry of animals which are not subject to quarantine, the importer will be required to give the bond heretofore mentioned, or to deposit the estimated duties with the collector with a stipulation to produce the certificates of this department within a period of six months. In the case of animals subject to quarantine the bond or stipulation will not be required, as it will be possible to have the certificates of this department reach the collector before the expiration of the quarantine period. In the case of animals subject to quarantine the importer may, if he desires, leave the foreign certificates with the superintendent of the quarantine station. The animals will then be checked with the data regarding sex, color, etc., contained in the foreign certificates. When this has been done the superintendent of the quarantine station will forward the foreign certificates to Washington with his report. Such animals will not, however, be released from quarantine except upon notice from the collector of customs that all requirements of the customs regulations relative to their entry have been complied with by the importer.

If the application and accompanying papers are satisfactory, certificates of this bureau will be issued and sent with the foreign certificates direct to the collector of customs at the port of entry. After having served the purpose of the collector, the foreign certificates are returned to the importer, and the certificates of this department are retained for the files of the Treasury Department.

Each foreign certificate in connection with which a certificate of pure breeding of this bureau has been issued bears a stamp to that effect.

All inquiries regarding the duties on animals, the liquidation of entries, the return of animals which have been sent out of the United States to be bred, or the free entry of animals for temporary exhibition purposes should be addressed to the Treasury Department, and not to the Department of Agriculture, except those relating to inspection and quarantine regulations.

Approved:

JAMES WILSON,

*Secretary of Agriculture.*

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